



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Aiken High School
Aiken County
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,536
Principal: G. Bryan Skipper
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	C	N/A
2011	Excellent	Average	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	0	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	85.5%	89.1%	85.2%	86.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.0%	7.5%	9.3%	8.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.4%	3.3%	5.5%	4.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.8%	95.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	400	362
Number of Diplomas	340	303
Rate (%)	85.0%	83.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	88.0	85.8
English 1	80.2	78.8
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	84.6	87.0
US History and the Constitution	72.2	71.1
All Tests	81.4	80.9

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,536)				
Retention rate	2.6%	Up from 2.2%	2.0%	2.9%
Attendance rate	96.6%	Down from 97.5%	95.0%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	27.9%	N/A	28.9%	17.5%
With disabilities	7.5%	N/A	9.7%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	7.2%	N/A	6.4%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.8%	Up from 2.1%	1.5%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.8%	Down from 30.1%	29.3%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	60.0%	Up from 59.2%	52.4%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.2%	Down from 30.2%	30.7%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	3.8%	Up from 2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers (n=81)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.1%	Down from 71.4%	66.9%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.5%	Down from 92.2%	76.8%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.7%	Down from 91.0%	86.7%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	N/R	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,307	Up 2.1%	\$48,081	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Down from 3.7%	1.4%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.2 days	Up from 8.9 days	8.0 days	9.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.3 to 1	No Change	29.5 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	N/R	89.5%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,308	Up 4.9%	\$6,619	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.0%	Down from 63.9%	59.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Down from 65.7%	63.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.9%	Up from 96.0%	97.1%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	73.9	Down from 77.7	83.3	77.4

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	55	262	83
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.1%	66.4%	74.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.9%	66.3%	64.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.9%	78%	71.5%

*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Aiken High School once again experienced a positive school year in 2012 – 2013 because faculty and staff members, students, parents, and community members worked collaboratively to be successful. South Aiken was recognized by the State Department of Education for achieving Gold status on our State Report Card. South Aiken's absolute rating remained Excellent. South Aiken was recognized as the #7 High School in South Carolina by US News and World Report as well as in Newsweek Magazine's Top 2000 high schools in America.

Serving approximately 1525 students, South Aiken offers a diverse curriculum with an emphasis on preparation for college. About 70% of our graduates pursue some type of post-secondary education. Over 15% of our graduates choose to enter the workforce or the military upon graduation. This year South Aiken offered 16 AP course and won state awards for SAT/ACT averages above the state and national average.

In addition to offerings for the college-bound portion of our student body, South Aiken offers career and technical courses in several areas, including Business, Marketing, Broadcast Journalism, Health Science and Culinary Arts. Our local offerings are supplemented by those available to our students through the Aiken County Career and Technology Center. Our graduating class always includes multiple students who attain occupational 'completer status' in addition to their diploma.

Our student body participates actively in athletics and enjoys involvement in community programs. This year our NJROTC Academic team won several state competitions. The literary magazine, Calliope, was once again recognized nationally as one of the best literary magazines in the country. The DECA program had several state winners and one student who was selected to serve as state president. The academic team won the Aiken County championship for the third year in a row. Our service clubs completed hundreds of community service hours which culminated in five school teams participating in Relay for Life. Athletically, SAHS boy's and girl's soccer teams advanced deep into the playoffs. The baseball team advanced to the lower-state finals. The boy's golf team and boy's tennis team both won the 4A State championships. It was quite an exciting spring for South Aiken athletics.

The School Improvement Council met during the school year and provided input regarding strategic planning and parental involvement. The Council also coordinated and implemented a school beautification project for the front of the school to include new signage as well as an auditorium upgrade.

Mr. G. Bryan Skipper – Principal, Mrs. Nancy Vermilye – School Improvement Council Chairperson

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